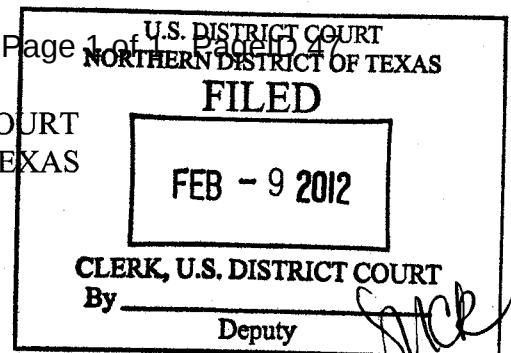


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

VS. )

FRED HOWARD )

CASE NO.: 3:11-CR-316-M

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

FRED HOWARD, by consent, under authority of United States v. Dees, 125 F.3d 261 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997), has appeared before me pursuant to Fed. R. Crim.P. 11, and has entered a plea of guilty to Count(s) 1 of the Indictment. After cautioning and examining FRED HOWARD under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, I determined that the guilty plea was knowledgeable and voluntary and that the offense(s) charged is supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offense. I therefore recommend that the plea of guilty, and the plea agreement, be accepted, and that FRED HOWARD be adjudged guilty and have sentence imposed accordingly.

Date: February 9, 2012

  
IRMA CARRILLO RAMIREZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**NOTICE**

Failure to file written objections to this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge. 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(B).